

OLDEST POLICEMAN IS RETIRED TO-DAY

Cargt. William Blair, After Serving for Forty-five Years, Quits the Force at His Own Request.

HE IS 70, BUT STILL STRONG.

Has Done Desk Duty in Every Police Station-House in the City and is Known to All Policemen as "Billy the Kid."

Sergt. William Blair, the oldest policeman on the force, was retired by Commissioner Greene to-day at his own request.

Sergt. Blair is seventy years old and has been on the force forty-five years. Despite his years he is still in splendid physical condition. When Commissioner

Greene decided to retire the old men in the department by subjecting them to a severe physical examination by the Board of Police Surgeons, this splendid old policeman withstood every test and a few months ago he added his ninth gold stripe to the sleeve of his uniform.

Sergt. Blair was born in 1833. He joined the old metropolitan police in February, 1858. At that time Gen. James Nye and John S. T. Stranahan were two of the three Police Commissioners and Mayor Benjamin Wood was a member of the board ex-officio. Thurlow Weed, who then lived at the Astor House, recommended Blair's appointment. Police Headquarters stood on the southwest corner of Broome and Elm streets.

In 1862 Blair captured two burglars who had robbed the New Haven Steamboat Company. This earned him promotion to the rank of roundsman on Jan. 14, 1863. He was made a sergeant on Nov. 1, 1864, thirty-one years ago. A short time ago Blair said that death was the only thing that would force him to retire.

"You know my friends call me 'Billy the Kid,'" said the old man, "and I certainly feel as if I were growing younger every day. I am not the poorest man on the force, either. I've got real estate worth \$5,000 that was left by my uncle, Lewis Blair, the Astor House barber. I also have a few other little bits of property."

Sergt. Blair has done duty in every police precinct in Greater New York, and of the seven thousand men in the department there are few who don't know Billy Blair.

FIRE PANIC DUE TO BURNING FAT

Upset Grease in Bakery Causes Stampede of Tenants from Big Tenement-House in Their Night Clothing.

A pot of burning fat caused a fire panic in the four-story tenement-house at No. 363 First avenue at about 2:30 o'clock this morning. Men, women and children, clad in nightclothes, were scattered through the halls and out into the streets, while firemen and policemen carried sleepy children down through the smoke.

The basement of the building is used as a bakery by Abraham Neldinger. Neldinger was preparing a pot of fat in which to cook doughnuts when he saw the pot and scattered the fat over the stove. It caught fire and he and two men who were working with him were scattered by the burning grease.

They rushed into the street with cries of "fire" and policemen running, of the East Twenty-fourth street station, saw them and turned in the alarm. The Department soon extinguished the flames and the damage was slight.

Another alarm was turned in about the same time by the automatic signal on the second floor of the big business block, Nos. 35 to 37 West Third street. The floor is occupied by Kohn Brothers, corset manufacturers. About \$500 worth of corsets were ruined by the flames.

The police believe another gang of incendiaries is at work in the northern part of the city, as an investigation of the fire which was discovered in the five-story flat-house at No. 112 East Eighty-third street yesterday afternoon has revealed the fact that the blaze was of incendiary origin.

Detectives who were detailed on the case reported this morning that a pile of paper and less soaked in oil had been set alight in one of the halls with the evident intention of diverting attention from some other part of the neighborhood where the firebugs had evidently intended robbery.

Owing to the fact that the flames were barely started before they were extinguished, the thieves had little opportunity to carry their plan through successfully.

ILL, MAN TRIES SUICIDE.

Suffering from Nervous Prostration, Charles Maloney Cut His Throat.

Charles Maloney, a plasterer, living with his wife and two children at No. 174 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, tried to kill himself by cutting his throat with a razor to-day.

Nervous prostration and illness so undermined Maloney's health that he had to give up work several weeks ago. He was under the care of a physician.

Maloney was sent to J. Hood Wright Hospital. The doctor reached him in time to stop the flow of blood and he will probably recover.

MAN STRUCK BY STREET CAR.

James Keena, fifty-seven years old, was struck by car No. 268 of the Lenox avenue line, north-bound, while crossing the street to-day at One Hundred and Thirtieth street and Lenox avenue. He was taken to the Harlem Hospital suffering from contusion of the face and shoulder. He lives at 311 West Fifth street and Tenth avenue.

MISCHIEVOUS BOY CALLS FIREFMEN TO A SCHOOL.

Early Comer Turns in Alarm from Building No. 170 and Brings Engines on a Vain Errand.

Some unknown archer had lots of fun with the Fire Department this morning, but if the janitor of Public School No. 170 finds out who did it there will be weeping and wailing and gnashing of milk teeth.

The alarm was turned in from a special call box located just inside the front door of Public School No. 170. This school is situated between Lenox and Fifth avenues and runs from One Hundred and Eleventh to One Hundred and Twelfth streets.

It was about 7 o'clock and the gates had not yet been opened to admit the children. By chance, however, the front door leading into the hall had been left unlocked and it is supposed that some mischievous boy entered and saw the fire-alarm box and the temptation became too strong for him. The front of the box was broken and the catch down, a crowd of children saw the engines draw up in front of the school and in a moment the air was filled with wild whoops of joy.

"Hurrah, Jimmy. De school's on fire. No school to-day!" But they were mistaken. There was no fire.

TO WED IN HOSPITAL ON DAY SET FOR CHURCH CEREMONY

ALBANY, Oct. 8.—In place of a brilliant wedding the marriage of Miss Mabel Martin to Frank E. Seelye, of New York, will take place next Wednesday in the Albany Hospital, where the bride-to-be has just undergone an operation. Only a few intimate friends and relatives will be present.

The wedding was planned as a social event and hundreds of invitations were issued. In the midst of the preparations Miss Martin became ill and she was removed to the hospital. The invitations were recalled, but when Miss Martin rallied from the shock of the operation she insisted that the wedding take place on the appointed day.

CONSUL-GEN'L SKINNER SAILS.

Robert P. Skinner, United States Consul-General at Marseilles, who is about to visit King Menelik of Abyssinia to induce him to have his country represented at the St. Louis Exposition, and who will afterward make a tour of Abyssinia to study its conditions and resources, sailed to-day on the steamer La Touraine for Havre.

Marlin Hyatt, a boatman who saw Gallagher acting strangely on the bay shore in the afternoon, later found his body.

In the pockets of the dead man's clothes were found \$17.26 and a Prudential Insurance Company's book, such as is used by agents.

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TOOK POISON, THEN JUMPED OVERBOARD.

Mystery in the Suicide of Insurance Man Found in Newark Bay After Making Death Sure.

Arthur Gallagher, thirty-five years old, of Erie and Fourth streets, Jersey City, agent for the Prudential Insurance Company and a prominent figure in social circles, committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid and jumping into the Newark Bay at the foot of Danforth avenue, Jersey City.

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FEARING BLINDNESS ARTIST ENDS LIFE.

J. T. Love, an Authority on Color, Was Afraid He Would Suffer the Fate of Helen Kellar.

Because of an insane hallucination that he was becoming blind John T. Love, a Passaic artist, killed himself by taking carbolic acid.

Love was an authority on color, and his monographs on the subject won him fame. Many famous artists visited his studio to consult him, and his canvases were mostly impressionisms painted to support his theories.

His hallucination began about the time some one gave him a book containing the story of Helen Kellar. He read it and reread it, and then the fear that some day he might be like Helen Kellar, unable to see the beauty of line and color, began to take possession of him. He consulted oculists, and was told there was no danger of his sight failing. Despite these assurances his hallucination grew daily, and finally melancholia overcame him.

While his wife was rocking their little daughter to sleep she heard a heavy fall on the floor below. She ran down and found her husband lying unconscious on the floor. Beside him was an empty bottle that had contained carbolic acid.

Physicians were summoned, but Love never regained consciousness.

NOTED ORGANIST DEAD.

Peter A. Schaecker, Thirty Years in West Presbyterian Church.

Peter A. Schaecker, for thirty-two years organist of the West Presbyterian Church, in West Forty-second street, died suddenly at his home, No. 235 East Fifty-second street. He was noted as a writer of ecclesiastical music.

Mr. Schaecker came to this country nearly forty years ago. He studied under Dr. Muhlenberg, the founder of St. Luke's Hospital. His first position was as organist in the hospital chapel. Later he was assistant to Dr. George William Warren, of St. Thomas's Church, and then went to the West Presbyterian Church, where Dr. Paxton was in charge.

TEST YOUR KIDNEYS

Every two or three weeks. It's the only way to keep perfect work of your health. Just let a tumblerful of morning urine stand for 24 hours, and if it becomes cloudy or particles float about in it or if a reddish-brown sediment forms, it is positive proof that your kidneys are utterly unable to do their work correctly, and unless properly treated at once, bright disease, diabetes, uric acid and blood poisoning, with fatal results, will surely follow.

The only safe and permanent cure for all diseases of the kidneys, bladder, liver and blood is

WARNER'S SAFE CURE

the standard of doctors and hospitals for over half a century. It is made of pure herbs and contains no dangerous drugs. Has cured thousands of cases where all else had failed.

ANALYSIS FREE.

If, after you have made this test, you have any doubt as to the development of the disease, or if you are a sufferer from any of the diseases of the kidneys, bladder, liver and blood, we will analyze it and send you a report, with advice and interesting medical booklets, free of charge.

Safe Cure is sold at all drug stores, or, directly, 50 cents and \$1.00 a bottle. REFUSE IMITATIONS; they are rarely cure, and are often exceedingly dangerous. WARNER'S SAFE PILLS move the bowels gently and aid a speedy cure.

Woman's Department.

The woman who needs a suit for immediate wear and who can be fitted in the less usual sizes, 33, 35, 37, etc. Hackett, Carhart & Company offer this rather remarkable opportunity on Friday and Saturday.

Suits of Etamine, Brilliantine and Tasteful Mixtures.

Priced formerly at \$15, \$19.50, \$25, \$29.50 and \$32.50.

At the same time in the Woman's Department the interest of many will centre in the

Sale of Black Silk Waists

At \$5.00.

This is altogether original value in Silk Waists, silk of excellent Weave and Weight. The top of the Sleeves and Yoke are of Faggoting. Smartly designed and in complete range of size.

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ACTIVITY IN ITSELF

SIEGEL & COOPER

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Days of Inspiring Activity

From the North, From the East, From the South, From the West.

And from all the in-between divisions of the compass, people surge into the Siegel Cooper Store day after day.

A magnificent and colossal exposition of Autumnal and early Winter merchandise. The stocks are as fresh and attractive to the roving eye as a bed of fragrant flowers in glorious May!

Such volumes of business as daily centre in The Big Store are revelations to the public in general. But, as we have said many times before, it is natural, and not surprising.

The pen swiftly glides over the paper.

So many volumes of thought and commercial information to be condensed into a few fleeting paragraphs.

Every floor fairly bubbles with interesting news. Every floor is a bee-hive of activity.

People are buying all kinds of seasonable merchandise. Fall's reign is well along. Winter's rule has begun to cast its shadows before.

The huddle-muddle of Summer's close is forgotten in the newer attractions.

And Christmas! Not a whit too early to plan. Collectors of Sperry & Hutchinson Green Trading Stamps are already industriously and energetically preparing for the great gift season. Many do not propose to have their books redeemed until shortly before Christmas. Thus they will come into possession of many useful articles to present.

If you are an "S. & H." Green Trading Stamp Collector and this thought has not occurred to you, it is a suggestion that will bear valuable fruit.

The Trading Stamp Premium Parlor is in the 5th Floor Annex. You can pick out your premium as far in advance as you may fancy.

Misses' Robes, Kimonos and Wrappers.

Eiderdown, Domet Flannel & Flannelette.

Specially designed for the Miss of 6 to 16 years. Serviceable and comfortable garments. Decisive price-attractions.

MISSSES' WRAPPERS, Flannelette, excellent quality, pretty patterns, lined waist, deep ruffle on skirt and waist, neatly trimmed with fancy braid, sizes 8 to 14 years, 49c.

MISSSES' KIMONOS, Domet Flannel, pink and blue stripes with fancy trimming, sizes 8 to 14 years, 49c.

MISSSES' KIMONOS, Domet Flannel, pretty pink and blue stripes, with fancy trimming, sizes 8 to 14 years, 69c.

MISSSES' WRAPPERS, Eiderdown Flannelette, very attractive patterns, lined waist, full skirt with deep ruffle, waist, sleeves and skirt trimmed with pretty braid, sizes 8 to 14 years, 98c.

MISSSES' ROBES, All Wool Riple Eiderdown, kimono style, trimming of fancy silk ribbon and silk cord, sizes 8 to 14 years, 3.50.

(Second Floor, East, 19th st.)

Women's Dress and Walking Skirts.

Two Special Offerings for Friday

Three entirely new styles of Women's Unlined Broadcloth Dress Skirts.

Style 1.—Nine-gore flare, trimmed with 18 wide stitched bands of Peau de Soie; habit back.

Style 2.—Seven-gore flare; flounce effect; trimmed with fancy silk braid around flounce and on front gores.

Style 3.—Strictly tailored-made, with fan-plaited flounce; trimmed with broad stitched bands of same material; silk braid around flounce and on front gores.

Walking Skirts.

WOMEN'S WALKING SKIRTS of fancy Scotch Tweeds, English Melton or Cheviot in a variety of styles; some are nine-gored, with side plaiting; kilted bottom; others with hip trimming of stitched straps and crested buttons, habit back or inverted plait, special for to-morrow.

8.75

7.50

(2d Floor, Front.)

In Fresh Fish Market

FANCY CHICKEN HALL

BUT STEAK, per lb., 12c

EXTRA CHOICE CODFISH

OR SALMON STEAKS, per lb., 10c

EXTRA FANCY QUALITY

LONG BLUEFISH

OR BLUEFISH, per lb., 9c

BUT STEAK, per lb., 9c

VERY CHOICE SELECTION

(HADDOCK, CODFISH, BLUEFISH, FLOUNDER)

BOSTON, 6c

SELECTED BLUE POINT

YEASTED (in shell) 1 doz. for 25c.

7c

DOZ.

FRESH MEAT MARKET

FANCY FRESH KILLED

ROASTING CHICKENS, per lb., 14c

HINDQUARTERS FANCY

CANADA MUTTON, per lb., 10c

SPRING LAMB, per lb., 10c

SAUSAGES, per lb., 10c

PLATE OR NAVAL CORNED

BEEF, 5c

Short Forequarters

Canada Mutton, 5c

Short Forequarters

Canada Mutton, 12c

12c

DOZ.

Cracker Specials.

Fancy Baked Fruit Jumbles, Opera

Mushrooms, Currant, 12c

Fruit or Crinkles bars, per lb., 12c

Fresh and Crisp Drop Oysters, Bar

Lunch, 3 doz. Wafers or 6 doz. 2c

Cracker Meal, 10c

Cake.

DRAGON CELEBRATED

POUND CAKE, 15c

Plain, Marble, Raisin,

Citron, Molasses, Fruit, 15c

COFFEE—Fancy Golden Santos,

fresh roasted, sweet, fine flavor and

aroma; 7 lb. for \$1.00, 15c

lb.

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Choicest Fresh Fish, Meat and Delicatessen.

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